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Food & Agriculture (1954) Department.

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G.O. No. 954.

Dated 13-9-54

[Despatch Abstract.]

Agri. - G.M.F. - Compost - Speedy Disposal - Suggestions - Papers recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Food and Agriculture Department.

Memo.No. 4643- A.VI/49-3, dated 3-5-1949.

Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Compost distribution - Speedy disposal of stocks.

Ref: From the Director of Agriculture letter No. L.1-159/49 dated 24-3-1949.

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A copy of the letter cited from the Director of Agriculture together with its enclosure is recommunicated to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and the Local Boards and Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

2. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards is requested to initiate action necessary on the part of the Municipalities and Local Boards having large stocks of compost, to effect a speedy disposal of the stocks. He is also requested to furnish a copy of the Director of Agriculture's letter to the Special Officer for Compost Investigation for his use.

3. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies is requested to direct the Cooperative Societies in such of the areas where the Societies are under-taking the distribution of compost; to take effective steps to accelerate the disposal of stocks.

4. It has been suggested that in order to give a fillip to the compost distribution work, certificates may be given to the cooperative Societies, which sell largest quantity of compost before June 1949. Also a special rebate of 2 annas per cartload may be given for purchasers before 1-6-1949 or prizes of Rs.15/-, Rs.10 and Rs.5/- may be awarded for the lucky numbers (drawn by lots) of bills for the sale of compost. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies is requested to offer his remarks on this suggestion.

5. The Director of Agriculture is requested to state what action has been taken on para 1 of Government Memo.No. 4643 A.III/49-1 dated 28-1-49 asking him to do propaganda through the Radio, the Press, and the Agricultural Department, for the disposal of large stocks of compost remaining unsold. He is now requested to arrange for Radio talks periodically as early as possible, and also for publishing all information relating to the advantages of the use of compost manure, in the Grow More Food Journals, Mezhichelvan and Padipantulu.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secy. to Government.

To The Inspector of Municipal Councils & Local Boards, with enclosures.
The Registrarm of Cooperative Societies.
The Director of Agriculture.

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Copy of letter No. L.1-159/49 dated 2-5-1949 from the Director of Agriculture, Madras to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras.

Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Compost distribution - remarks on.

Ref: (i) Govt. Development Department Memo.No.4643-A.III/49-1 dt. 28-1-1949.
(ii) From the Director of Public Health, letter No. I-4N/49 dt. 11-3-49 to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, and copy to me.
(iii) My letter No.L-1-159/49 dated 24-3-1949.

In continuation of my letter cited above(reference No.(iii)), I enclose herewith a statement summarising the reports of the District Agricultural Officers regarding the reasons for the non-disposal of compost at 17 out of 20 centres mentioned in the supplemental return of the Director of Public Health for the quarter ending with 31-12-1948, cited above (ref.No. ii).

2. The main findings are :--

(i) In most of the places, there is a good demand for compost.

(ii) In a few places, the quality of compost is reported to be poor due to the presence of materials like glass pieces, etc. and due to imperfect composting.

(iii) Accumulation reported now is only temporary in a few places as the compost is sold only once a year.

(iv) In a few places prices are too high.

(V) Transport difficulty is reported in some places.

3. I suggest that Government may be pleased to take action in the following cases:--

(i) Eluru. (ii) Akividu. It is reported that the sale price has not yet been fixed, by that it is felt to be high. The compost is reported of poor quality due to unsystematic composting and due to the presence of glass pieces, tins etc. The Collector of West Godavari District may be requested to convene a conference of the District Agricultural Officers the Commissioner and Health Officer of the Local Boards, fix up a fair price and instruct the Local Board authorities to sieve the compost and dispose of it before the commencement of the next cropping season i.e. June 1949.

(iii) Rama-Chandrapuram. The price has not been fixed. The Collector of East Godavari District may please be requested to convene a conference of the District Agricultural Officer, Commissioner

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~~Commissioner~~ and Health Officer of the Local Board fix a fair price and issue necessary instructions to the local officers to dispose of the stocks before June 1949.

Sd. R.M.Sundaram,
Director of Agriculture.

Copy to (i) The Director of Public Health,Madras.
(ii) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras-1.

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Sd. x x x
Gazetted Assistant.

STATEMENT.

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		earthernware, crockery, etc.	cultural Cooperative Society, Tanjore, once a year. Last year's price works out to about As.12 per 28 c.ft.(i.e.1 cartload.)	ated stock will soon be sold out. The Cooperative Society has already effected a purchase deal from the municipality.	Sales may ducedd mor quently.
Madura.	Nilakottai	There is not many stone glass pieces, etc. The ripe compost is fairly good.	Rs.2/- per 25 c.ft.	The demand is very good and is more than production.	Does not arise. Sold compost now ly unsold, due to high content of harmful material, sh not be mixed with fresh compos and may be sold out separately in auction.
	Palani	Contains glass, stones etc. Composting is not done properly and hence the ripening is not homogenous.	As.12 per cartload.	There is good demand for compost. If it contains no harmful matter and if quality is good, it would fetch better price.	Does not arise
	Kombai	The composting is notdone properly. Percentage of undesirable material is very low.	Sold in auction once a year. Previous prices work out at Re.1/-per cartload.	Demand is keen. (The P.B. should start compost making properly).	do.
Tirunelveli	Palamcottah	The quality is satisfactory.	Sold through the cooperative Sales Society which has been requested by the Municipality to take over 39,360 c.ft. of compost for Rs.8615/-. This works out at ~~xxxx~~ about Rs.6/- per cartload.	The ripe compost will soon be distributed through the cooperative Society.	The price may be reduced by atleast 25% make the compost manu popular.
Coimbatore	Tirupur	Fairly free from glass pieces, stones, etc.	Not yet fixed.	No ripe stock. Demand is good.	Does not arise.
	Gobichettipalayam.	~~xxxxxxxxx~~ do.	Sold in auction. Price averages ~~xx~~ about Rs.3-12-0 per cartload.	The entire stock of ripe compost has been sold out. Demand is good.	do.

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for Direction of Agriculture.

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GROW MORE FOOD - FIVE YEAR PLAN - "TOWN COMPOST" SCHEME - UNSOLD COMPOST. - SUMMARY.

District.	Name of the compost making centre.	Quality of compost.	Sale price for ½ ton of compost (28 c.ft. or 1 cart load).	Reasons for un-disposal.	Suggestions for quick disposal.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
West Godavari	Eluru	Quality is poor due to unsystematic composting and presence of glass pieces, tins etc.	Sale price is felt to be high.	(i) Poor quality (ii) High Price.	(1) Composting on proper lines. (ii) suving the compost before sale. (iii) Lowering sale price.
	Akividu	do.	do.	do.	do.
East Godavari	Ramachandrapuram	Quality is fairly good.	Not yet fixed.	An offer of Rs.35/- for the entire quantity has not been accepted by the P.B. as yet.	(i) Sale price may be fixed at bout As.8/- per cartload. (ii) Better compost may be sold at Re.1/- per cartload.
Cuddapah	Jammalamadugu	Contains tins, glass pieces etc.	Auctioned in March once a year.	The compost has already been sold in auction. There is good demand for compost.	Does not arise.
Chittoor	(i) Chittoor	Quality of the compst is fairly good.	Sold in auction once a year. Price works out roughly to 14 annas per cartload.	Demand is very good. The annual auction is keenly contested.	do.
	(ii) Punganur	Only bigger pieces of foreign matter are removed.	Not yet fixed as the P.B. was hitherto selling the night soil and rubbish separately.	Demand is good and a fair price is expected for this year's compost.	do.
North Arcot	Gudiyatham	There are glass pieces and broken tiles in the compost.	As.12 per cartload.	Poor quality.	Conference of Collector, D.A.O & Municipal Commissioner suggested.
	Arni	Free from undesirable matter.	Re.1/- per cartload.	Demand is good and and there is no unsold stock of ripe compost.	Auctions may be held once in 6 months.
	Tiruvannamalai	Contains glass pieces and other undesirable matter.	do.	The present stock lies unsold due to the failure of the monsoon.	
South Arcot/Tindivanam		Contains a few stones, brick-bats.etc.	Price has not yet been fixed, but the P.B. expects As.12 to Re.1/- per cartload.	Failure of the monsoon may be the chief reasons for un-disposal.	May be auttioned in lots instead of wholesale auction.
Tanjore	Tanjore	Contains tin bits	Sold in auction		

Copy of letter No. Pdl. 20 M/49 dated 9-5-49 om the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local ards, Madras-1 to the Secret ry to Government, Development Department,Madras.

Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Compost distribution monthly report.

Ref: This Office Pdl. 20 M/49 dated 1-4-49 and Govt. Memo. No. 4643 A V/49-2 dt. 20-4-49.

I have already sent my report for January '49 this office reference cited above. A supplemental atement will be sent to Government as soon as the rticulars are received.

C.R.Karunakara Menc
or Inspector.

By Order

Sd. x x
Manager.

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of letter No. L.1.159/49 dated 16-5-1949 from e Director of Agriculture, Madras to the Secretary to Government,Development Department,Madras.

Sub: Agriculture - Compost - distribution - Speedy disposal of stocks - Propaganda suggested - remarks offered.

Ref: Government Development Department Memo. No.4643-A.V/49-2 dated 3rd May,1949.

In Government Development Memo.No.4643-x VII/49-1 dated 28th January, 1949 I was asked to take eps for the speedy disposal of the stock of Town mpost left unsold in certain Municipalities and Panchayats. In this reference, I was also asked to do propaganda through Radio, Press and the Departmental Staff in this regard.

2. In my letter No.L.1.159/49 dated 24-3-1949 dated 2-5-1949, I have furnished the main findings of the enquiry made in the different Municipalities and Panchayats regarding the reasons for the non-disposal of large stocks of Town Compost.

3. In these two letters I have given specific instances wherein large stocks are left unsold and suggested that the Collectors of the concerned Districts may be requested to convene a conference of District Agricultural Officer and Officers of the Municipalities and Panchayats and take steps for the disposal of the accumulated stock. I have already instructed the district staff in these places to do intensive propaganda and bring to the notiee of the ryots the value

~~value~~ of the Town Compost. The newly appointed Special Officer (Bio-Chemist) for Compost will be asked to tour these areas and attend to the disposal of these stocks. I feel that Radio talks are not likely to be of much value, but I shall arrange for them.

(Sd.) R.M.Sundaram,
Director of Agriculture.

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Sd. x x
Gazetted Assistant.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Food & Agriculture Department.

Memo.No. 4643- A.V/49-4, dated 26-5-1949.

Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Compost distribution - Speedy disposal of stocks.

Ref: Govt. Memo.No.4643-A.V/49-2, dated 3-5-1949.
From the Director of Agriculture,
letter No. L.1.159/49 dt. 2-5-49.

A copy of the further letter from the Director of Agriculture, cited, together with its encolsures, is communicated to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in continuation of Govt. Memo.No.4643 A.V/49-2 dated 3-5-1949. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies is requested to expedite his remarks called for in para of this memo.

Sd. x x
Secy. to Government.

To
The Inspector of Municipal Councils & Local Boards.
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

p.t.o

Copy of letter No. 24427/49 dated 18-5-1949 from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras-1 to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras.

Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Compost distribution - Speedy disposal of stocks.

Ref: Government Memo.No.4643 A V/49-2,dt.3-5-49.

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With reference to para 2 of the Government Memo quoted above, I have to report that detailed investigations have been made by the Special Officer for compost. A uniform sale price is necessary for rapid disposal of the manure. The high prices fixed by municipalities are prohibitive and do not relate thereto facts. They are to be revised. The compost manure is popular and there will be no difficulty in selling them.

2. In the above circumstances, I request that Government may be pleased to approve the introduction of a flat rate of selling price of Rs.13-8-0 per 500 c.ft. (10 tons) in all municipalities. The above rate has been arrived at by the Special Officer for compost after his recent investigation. Please see his report submitted to Government separately.

(sd.K.M.Unnithan,
Inspector.

By order

Sd. x x
Manager.

Copy of letter No.Rc.61844/49 C.1 dated 24-5-1949 from the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Madras to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras.

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Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Compost distribution - Speedy disposal of stocks.

Ref: Your Memo. No. 4643 -A V/49-2 dated 3-5-49.

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With reference to para 3 of the memorandum cited, necessary instructions have been issued to all the Deputy Registrars to accelerate the disposal of stocks of compost by undertaking speed distribution of the compost.

2. As regards the suggestion in para 4 of the Government Memo viz. issue of certificates to cooperative Societies, I submit that the certificates will not act as an inducement to Cooperative Societies to push through the sales effectively. Instead, a small commission of Re.0-0-6 per Rupee of the compost sold by the Cooperative societies can be allowed which will certainly give a fillip to the work of distribution.

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In the respect of the latter suggestion in para 4 of the Memorandum, the award of prizes appears to be preferable to the rebate of annas 2 per cartload as it would really serve as an inducement to the ryots to purchase compost. It may be laid down as a condition that only those who purchase at least 1 cart-load of compost will be entitled to the Prize Award. As the month of May is fast coming to a close, this concession will be of benefit to the ryots only if the date of purchasing the compost by ryots is extended upto 30-9-1949.

Sd. x x
for Registrar.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract.

Agriculture - Grow More Food - Compost - Speedy disposal - Suggestion - Papers recorded.

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Food and Agriculture Department

G.O.Ms.No.954,dt.13-9-49.

READ:- Govt.Memo.No.4643-A.III/49-1,Development,dt.28-1-49.
From the Director of Agriculture, No.L.1-15949 dt.24-3-1949.
Govt.Memo.No.4643 A.V/49-3,dt.3-5-1949.
From the Director of Agriculture,No.L.1.159/49 dt.2-5-1949.
do. dt.16-5-49:
From the Inspector of Municipal Councils & Local Boards,Roc.24427/49,dt.18-5-49.
From the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Rc.61844/49-C.1dt.24-5-1949.
do. dt.14-6-1949.

ORDER:

RECORDED. The proposals for the award of prizes and payment of commission to cooperative societies are dropped.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secy.to Government.

To

The Director of Agriculture,
" Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.
" Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

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NOTE-FILE.

Food & Agri. Deptt.

TO A.S.

The case relates to the speedy disposal of the large stocks of compost held up with the the Municipalities. The various steps ordered by Government will be found in the memo at p. 23 c.f. As regards the suggestion for the payment of a small commission of 6 pies per rupee of the compost sold by Cooperative Societies and the award of prizes of Rs15, Rs.10 and Rs.5 to the cooperative societies, it has been ordered in circulation that no expenditure need be incurred on these items. The only outstanding points that remain for consideration in this file are:

i) Introduction of a flat rate of selling price of ~~xxxxx~~ Rs.13-8-0 per 500 c.ft.(10 tons) in all Municipalities; and

ii) The issue of a comprehensive directive to all collectors to convene, wherever necessary, a conference of the D.A.S, the Commissioner and the Health Officer of the Municipality concerned, to enquire into the reasons for the non-disposal of stock, and fix up a fair price.

Item (i) above: The rate of selling price mentioned in this item which is recommended by the Inspector of Municipal Councils is the one which has been worked out by the Special Officer for Compost Investigation in his report dealt with in the top file. The question of introducing a flat rate as selling ~~xxx~~ price by all Municipalities has been examined in detail in another file. No action seems therefore called for on this item here.

Item (ii) above:- It was ordered (at M on p. 5 above that the Special Officer's report might be awaited so that a comprehensive directive might be issued to all the collectors. The report of the Special Officer, the remarks of the Heads of Deptts. thereon, and the minutes of the meeting of the Provl.Compost Devt.Committee held on 15-6-1949, have now being examined in the top file. As the main purposes for which the convening of a conference was suggested by the D.A., viz. reasons for the non-disposal of the stocks and the fixation of a fair price for the compost, have now been dealt with exhaustively in the Special Officers report, the need for the convening of a conference in each dt. does not appear to be imperative. Attention is also invited to the notes at 'P' on p. 19 n.f. of top file wherein late H.Pr. considered that it was not practicable to ask the Collector to look into the production, disposal and prices of the compost in the Municipalities and Panchayats in his district. In the circumstances the question of convening a conference in districts by Collectors may be dropped. For Orders.

agree.

Sd. x x
13-9-49.

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Subject to orders a draft order recording the papers and communicating it to the D.A. etc. is submitted for approval.

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Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

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